



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the Head Start Program is now celebrating its 40th year of success in meeting the needs of children and families; and

WHEREAS, the Head Start program has established itself as one of the foremost early childhood development programs in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, in addition to focusing on the needs of children, Head Start involves the parents in the education of their own children, in decision making for the program, and hires many qualified parents as Head Start staff; and

WHEREAS, Head Start provides comprehensive services for children that focus on academic preparation. Children enrolled in the program develop phonemic, print, and numearcy awareness; and

WHEREAS, to achieve its goals, Head Start is not only responsible for providing a rich preschool learning environment, but is also responsible for providing a comprehensive nutrition and health program; and

WHEREAS, ongoing health care for Head Start children is promoted through family involvement in enrolling in available medical resources; and

WHEREAS, Head Start assists families in obtaining up to date immunizations for all enrolled children and their siblings; and

WHEREAS, to promote literacy, Head Start recognizes the value of reading to children and encourages reading activities;

WHEREAS, given complex and shifting family structures, increasing domestic violence, substance abuse, homelessness and mental illness, Head Start faces challenges in its efforts to strengthen the families of children enrolled in the program; and

WHEREAS, Head Start program personnel recognize the remarkable strengths and courage of families as they struggle to provide the best for their children; and

WHEREAS; Head Start is a cost effective family focused program that has proven to save taxpayers four-seven dollars for every dollar invested in the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the state of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 23rd through 29th, 2005 to be

HEAD START WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixth day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in dark ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Devin Bourassa in dark ink, written over a horizontal line.

DEVIN BOURASSA
SECRETARY OF STATE